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PHILADELPHIA ART MUSEUM CURATOR, JEAN LEE, TO SPEAK ON ORIENTAL RUGS AT MAY 27 MEETING

Those who were disappointed at our November meeting when Miss Jean Gordon Lee had to cancel her talk before the Society because of illness will rejoice that she is able to address us this month.

The subject is oriental rugs and Miss Lee will tell us their history and background, will discuss some of the valuable rug collections at the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where she has been Curator of Far Eastern Art since 1911, and the influences of oriental art in this country. Her talk will be illustrated by colored slides.

Our president, Lou Goettehmann, contributed a few morsels of information on this ancient art of rug weaving from his attendance at the Williamsburg Antiques Forum this winter. The Forum featured an exhibition of oriental rugs with 63 very choice examples of rare and representative rugs hung in the Lobby and Foyer of the Williamsburg Lodge. It was loaned by members of the New York City and Washington, D. C. HAJJI BABA CLUBS. Gleaned from the owners of the rugs and the exhibition committee was the information that early Oriental rugs have stronger colors . . . later rugs were in pastel colors . . . prayer rugs usually had an arched or

niche panel . . . in Turkey the niche was filled with flowers . . . in Persia they were not. Some repairs lose dye color after 20 or 30 years. In Turkey the art of repairing orientals has been lost but in the United States good repair work can still be found, with New York City as the center of this art.

Our guest speaker is a native Philadelphian and received her B. A. degree from the University of Michigan. She did graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to her post at the Art Museum, she is research consultant at the University Museum. She has also taught History of Chinese Art at Penn.

NEXT MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 27

TIME: 8:00 P. M.

PLACE: Auditorium,

Friends Meeting House,
Lake Street

THE STREAMLINED FLEA MARKET --- SATURDAY, JUNE 7

by Pat Lennon, Chairman, Woman's Committee

Since its inception seven years ago, the Flea Market, like any lusty, vigorous undertaking, has just grown and grown. In fact, it has grown so much—and so fast—that it has almost outgrown the capability of the Woman's Committee to execute, with elan, all the ideas suggested.

This year, on Saturday, June 7th, the normally quiet, serene grounds of Greenfield Hall will be transformed into a scene of color, gaiety and vigorous bidding and counter-bidding. The garage will become a Country Store—filled with all sorts of china, glassware, pictures and bric-a-brac. The air will be permeated with the scent of hickory smoke and hot dogs. The chatter of friends talking and commenting about the Clothes Line Art Show, the plants and herbs for sale and the home-made cakes, pies and cookies to tempt even the most rigorous of dieters will be quieted by the clang of the auctioneer's bell.

Lunch will be *al fresco*—sandwiches and a choice of beverages, and of course, the unfailingly popular hot dogs and cokes.

The Flea Market owes its success to the support of all Society members. It is they who scour their closets and attics for articles for the auction and the Country Store; it is they who bake an extra pie, cake or casserole for the Baked Goods table; it is they who bring family and friends to the Flea Market to browse and to buy. Members of the Woman's Committee will soon be calling everyone in the Society to ask once again for their help.

There will be work sessions in the garage—to sort and price—every Tuesday and Thursday in May from 10:30 A. M. until 2 or 2:30 P. M. These gatherings are informal and fun. Wear work clothes; bring a sandwich for lunch—coffee, condiments and dessert are “on the house.”

Proceeds from the Flea Market—except for what is needed for normal Woman's Committee operating expenses—will be set aside for the Hip Roof House Restoration.

As Chairman of the Woman's Committee, I extend this invitation: If you can help us before the Flea Market, please do. It's fun and you'll be more than welcome. If you can help at the Flea Market, please let us know. Our need for volunteers is almost desperate. But most important—Come to the Flea Market—we'll be delighted to see you.

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE GIVES \$500

A year of imaginative ideas and hard work on the part of our Woman's Committee yielded, among many worthwhile rewards, a substantial sum of \$500

which was given to the Society at our Candlelight Dinner in February. Pat Lennon, this year's Woman's Committee Chairman, did the honors and Lou Goetelmann expressed the Society's deep appreciation.

**MEMBER BEQUEATHS
\$2000 TO SOCIETY**

Miss Florence Dickinson, deceased former member who had moved to the Southwest, willed \$2000 to the Historical Society to be used in any way decided upon by this organization. Upon the receipt of this generous gift, the Trustees moved that any estate monies given to the Society, unless otherwise designated, should go into a Reserve Fund and not be used for current expenses.

The Reserve Fund now exists for all bequests from Society members and it is hoped that it will grow with the years and additional gifts. To augment this Fund, it was suggested that an annual campaign be launched.

**CANDLELIGHT TOUR SET
FOR OCTOBER 18**

With an early start that insures another successful Candlelight Tour of Haddonfield Homes for 1969, Fran Moore (Mrs. Robert J.), our Chairman this year, has already lined up a group of outstanding homes. The complete list is expected to be finalized shortly and will be announced in the local papers.

Again, houses representing the architecture of three centuries will be open, an education in style and history of Haddonfield's past and present.

The public building chosen for the tour this year is the beautiful Methodist Church on Warwick Road. Considerately, Fran is trying to group houses for the utmost transportation convenience of visitors.

The date is Saturday, October 18, from 7 P. M. to 10 P. M. Greenfield Hall will be open as usual as our "Hospitality House," and will remain open for a short time after the tour so that visitors can see all the houses and enjoy a few

moments chatting with friends about the tour and seeing new acquisitions in our beautiful headquarters.

If every member would invite a friend to share this important event of our calendar, we could make this our greatest fund-raising endeavor.

**"NEWCOMERS" VOLUNTEER HELP
ON COSTUME COLLECTION**

Pat Lennon, Woman's Committee Chairman, announced a happy windfall of workers to sort, catalogue and arrange the exhibits in our Costume Room at Greenfield Hall. The Newcomers Club in Haddonfield, after a member had arranged a trip through Greenfield Hall for her Girl Scout Troop, asked to make some worthwhile contribution to the Society.

The idea of the Costume Room grew out of the talk given by Charles B. Simmons, Curator of the Historical Society of York County, who spoke at our February Candlelight Dinner. He mentioned his Society's well organized and exhibited costume collection was the work of the Junior League.

Greenfield Hall houses an extensive collection of period clothing—men's and women's—and an equally comprehensive group of accessories. Much of it is properly recorded, dated and identified; but almost as much is still unclassified and undated, stored in drawers, on hangers, in boxes.

The six volunteer Newcomers (one is a volunteer guide at Independence Hall) attended the regular April meeting of the Woman's Committee and were introduced to the remarkable range of history revealed through our costume collection.

Pat Lennon extends an invitation to all women members to join the Committee for a "second cup of coffee" and discussions of present and future plans on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10 A. M. at Greenfield Hall.

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ELIZABETH HADDON STORY IN "JERSEY WAGGON JAUNTS"

There are countless enchanting stories about New Jersey in the book, "Jersey Waggon Jaunts" by Alfred M. Heston, a noted member of the New Jersey Historical Society, the Monmouth County Historical Association and the Atlantic County Historical Society.

This one is of special interest as we meet in Friends Meeting House this month. The characters in the story are the author's "Grandfather," Pippin, the horse, and the old waggon in which the elderly man travelled about his beloved state.

"GRANDFATHER was returning a-foot in a roundabout way, from the Quaker Meeting House to the King's Highway, Haddonfield. Pippin was safely hitched in front of the old Indian King Tavern on Main Street. The old man persists in calling it the Kings Highway, adding that it was the great road of Colonial days. He had passed a full hour at the meeting house, lingering near the graves of those long since loved and lost

awhile. Unfortunately, no one knows exactly where Elizabeth Haddon is buried. According to the custom of the Friends, no tombstones were placed at any of the graves, and on account of the loss of an old map, once in the possession of Samuel Nicholson, giving the location of noteworthy graves in the original burying ground, no one living can determine the exact location of those graves. Old residents, however, on the work of their parents and grandparents, say that Elizabeth Haddon's place of burial, never marked by a stone, is 'near the back gate at the northwest end of the old meeting house, within twenty or thirty feet of the buttonwood trees.' A brass tablet, with a setting of gray marble, was fastened to one of those trees—the one nearest the wall—facing the highway now known as Haddon Avenue, and unveiled with proper ceremonies in 1913. It is believed that this tree is within twenty feet of Elizabeth Haddon's grave. The tablet reads:

In Memory of Elizabeth Haddon
Daughter of John Haddon, of London,
and wife of John Estaugh
Founder and Proprietor of Haddonfield
Born 1680; Died 1762:
Buried near this Tablet
Originator of the Friends Meeting here
Established in 1721
Remarkable for Resolution, Prudence,
Charity

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